



**PROCLAMATION  
WORLD OCEANS DAY  
June 8, 2011**

***WHEREAS**, the City of Santa Barbara is located immediately adjacent to the Pacific Ocean and relies on the ocean for recreation, tourism, fishing, economic, aesthetic and cultural activities; and*

***WHEREAS**, the concept of a **World Oceans Day** was first proposed in 1992 at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro as a way to celebrate our world's shared ocean and our personal connection to the sea, as well as to raise awareness about the crucial role the ocean plays in our lives and the important ways people can help protect it; and*

***WHEREAS**, the ocean provides most of the oxygen we breathe, supplies a major source of food and medicines, regulates the Earth's climate, provides jobs and recreation, and inspire us; and*

***WHEREAS**, the United Nations has designated June 8, 2011, as **World Oceans Day**, to be celebrated by communities around the world; and*

***WHEREAS**, Santa Barbara's connection to the sea is enhanced by the presence of the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS), which has protected our marine treasures in 1,470 square miles of ocean surrounding Anacapa, Santa Cruz, Santa Rosa, San Miguel, and Santa Barbara Islands since 1980; and*

***WHEREAS**, the CINMS provides education and outreach opportunities to residents and students throughout the region, including the enrichment of science, math, and other programs in our K-12 schools, community colleges, and universities; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, HELENE SCHNEIDER**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, California, do hereby declare **June 8, 2011 as WORLD OCEANS DAY** in Santa Barbara, CA.*

***IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California, to be affixed this 7th day of June 2011.*

  
**HELENE SCHNEIDER**  
Mayor

